**Unit 8 - Chapter 16 Guide (Abbreviated)**

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**Chapter 16 Section 1:** The Societies of the Far West

1. (p. 442 column 2). The text describes the vitally important role that the buffalo played in the lives and survival of Native Americans in the West. Explain/Elaborate.

2. (p. 443 column 1). What weaknesses did the Plains Native Americans have that hurt their ability to keep white Americans from encroaching on their land?

3. (pp. 445-448). Identify 5 important facts/elements about Chinese immigration to the United States during the mid-to-late 19th century. (Focus on their reasons for coming, the role they played once arriving, the treatment they received here, and any other important elements of the Chinese immigrant’s experiences.) State the five facts in complete sentences.

4. (p. 449 column 1). What role did the Homestead Act play in the settlement of the West? (Make sure to explain what the Homestead Act did/said.)

**Chapter 16 Section 2:** The Changing Western Economy

5. (p. 451-2). Describe the significance of the Comstock Lode.

**Chapter 16 Section 3:** The Romance of the West

6. (pp. 456-458). What does text mean by the phrase “Myth of Cowboy”? Describe with detail.

7. (pp. 461). Summarize Historian Frederick Jackson Turner’s “Frontier Thesis”.

**Chapter 16 Section 4:** The Dispersal of the Tribes

8. (pp. 461-462). What was the “concentration” policy with regards to Native American tribes?

9. (pp. 464-465). Describe what happened at Little Big Horn (and its significance).

10. (pp. 465-466). Describe what happened at Wounded Knee (and its significance).

11. (p. 467). What was the United States trying to accomplish with the Dawes Act? What did this law do? Was this a fair policy?

**Chapter 16 Section 5:** The Rise and Decline of the Western Farmer

12. (p. 469). Make a descriptive list of the Farmers’ Grievances.